



Sears Becomes Ninth General Officer in NH Air Guard



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sam Daigle

By 2nd Lt. James Wallace

Mark F. Sears of Dover, became the ninth officer promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in the NH Air Guard during a ceremony at Pease Air National Guard Base in Newington on December 4.

Family, friends, co-workers, members of the 157th ARW and senior military leaders attended the ceremony, which preceded the 157th Air Refueling Wings Annual Awards festivities. In attendance were Mark's wife Donna and his two sons Ian and Adam, who "pinned" their father with his new rank. Sears was also "pinned" by his wife Donna and 157th ARW Commander, Colonel Richard Martell, who was a student pilot under General Sears.

Maj. Gen. Kenneth Clark, the Adjutant General of the New Hampshire National Guard, officiated the ceremony and Colonel

Mike Horne Joint Chief of Staff, JFHQ-NH read the promotion order. "His interest in being an officer first and a leader are clearly evident...it is the reason he is up here today," Clark said.

Sears is the Commander of the Air National Guard and Assistant Adjutant General for New Hampshire. In this capacity, Sears' responsibilities include ensuring NH Air National Guard forces are prepared to conduct joint Army and Air Guard operations to include homeland defense and security.

"I am very proud to be standing here as one of almost 1000 people who are members of this great organization, all of us citizen soldiers", Sears said.

Sears was born in Dover, New Hampshire, on May 15, 1952. He attended Dover High School and upon graduation in 1970, enlisted in the US Air Force. Awarded

an ROTC scholarship, he separated early and attended the University of New Hampshire. Following graduation and commissioning in 1976, Col. Sears attended Undergraduate Navigator Training, Undergraduate Pilot Training and completed numerous active duty assignments. In 1988 he opted to leave the active component, becoming a full-time airline pilot with Delta Air Lines and a traditional guardsman with the NH Air National Guard.

His leadership positions held within the unit include KC-135R Instructor Pilot, Flight Commander, Ops Support Flight Commander and State Headquarters Director of Operations. He has accumulated more than 12,000 flying hours operating a variety of military and civilian aircrafts.

Sears resides in Dover with his wife Donna and their two sons, Ian and Adam.

Looking Ahead to Great Things in '06

Commander's Column

By Col. Richard P. Martell



The New Year has arrived! Before I share with you my thoughts on the year ahead, I'd like to thank everyone for a wonderful Year in Review and Awards Ceremony last month. My particular thanks go out to those who made it happen. I've received numerous notes about it, all of which stated what a success it was. For me it will be an event to remember!

This year, I see us continuing our Air Bridge mission. One thing to be watching for will be the possibility of a troop reduction in Iraq. If this occurs, it might appear that there would be less of a need for the mission we're currently performing, but I believe there will still be a transportation need in Iraq and Afghanistan, and that we should just be mindful that changes at the national level may drive local mission changes.

Secondly, as I write this, the Defense Authorization Act for FY 06 has not been passed by Congress. In addition, there are several initiatives making the way through conference that could affect us this year. Along with several proposals for increased benefits for Reservists and Guardsman, there is an initiative to restrict the retirement of the E-model tanker. If this passes and Congress mandates that the E-model fleet remains flying, it would create a different vision of tanker beddown (basing) in addi-

tion to the changes mandated by Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) legislation. I don't know if such an action would affect the BRAC-mandated reduction in our fleet size which would take us from 9 to 8 aircrafts.

Thirdly, this year we'll have our first true Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) as we begin preparing for the wing's formal Operational Readiness Inspection in 2008. Several hundred members of the wing will deploy to Gulfport Combat Readiness Training Center. Key items we'll focus on will be the deployment and redeployment phases, operation in the Ability To Survive And Operate (ATSO) environment, key work in understanding and executing the use of transitional zones, and self aid and buddy care. I want this year's exercise to be mostly an educational experience, evaluating only our ability level at this time. We're also going to work on making this deployment to Gulfport fun!

Lastly, we need to work on training and equipping ourselves to perform our Citizen Soldier role. We must take the lessons we learned from Hurricane Katrina and the NH floods in order to increase our capability to respond to like situations. We need to develop an "off-the-shelf" individual equipment package that's easy to transport and that can support us in the field for numerous days. We'll also work on developing our skill sets in items such civil disturbance, natural disaster response, ability to operate different vehicles (such as Humvees and 5 ton trucks), and basic "soldier skills".

The New Year of 2006 holds many challenges, and many opportunities to make ourselves better – part of our vision of vision on becoming "... the most respected Air National Guard unit in the nation."



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My last war

A Vietnam veteran's final deployment

By Tech. Sgt. Bruce Gazaway
506th Expeditionary Civil Engineers Squadron

On his first deployment he was given the opportunity to go home four months early. Instead, then just nineteen and in the Army, he volunteered for an assignment where life expectancy is measured in seconds. He became a helicopter door gunner and remained in Vietnam for a total of 28 months.

Arriving in Vietnam in 1968, fresh from training, Master Sgt. Bruce Larrabee was assigned as a lineman to the 267th Signal Company. "When I jumped off the plane at Long Bins Air Base," he recalled, "I was in my dress greens and there was a battle going on. I mean there were bullets flying and I looked around and saw all these Vietnamese walking around and I didn't know if I should tackle them or what?"

When his unit was transferred back to the states he moved to an aviation unit. It was here as one of the four man crew of a helicopter that he found his place in the Army.

"I was the lowest of the low," said Sgt. Larrabee. As the junior member he was expected to come early, stay late and keep busy the entire time. They treated me like dirt and I loved it."

He loved flying, but like many young men, he was also drawn to the adrenalin rush of combat. "Generally it was 100 minutes of routine and then one minute of, 'I'm not going to live,'" said Larrabee. His aviation unit performed the full range of combat activity normal in that war. From providing fire support to ground units, to transporting men or equipment and extracting wounded.

Flying as a door gunner left the young soldier with lessons he has carried through life. One has to do with the importance of following "routine" such as performing checklists. "Your daily routines keep you going when times are tough," said Larrabee, "If you forget the routines then it all falls apart."

His experiences also cleared up some misconceptions.

"Until that time I thought Pilots were the most important," said Larrabee. "That was when I found out that ... the Crew Chief was King. Pilots just rented the plane, but that Crew Chief owned it."

Larrabee returned from Vietnam in 1970 and eventually found civilian employment with the Air Force as a Wastewater Treatment Operator at Pease Air Force Base, N.H. He currently works in water and waste treatment for the New Boston Air Force Station located outside of Manchester, New Hampshire. Larrabee joined the New Hampshire Army National Guard in 1984, following a fourteen year break in service. He stayed until reorganization eliminated the unit. He then enlisted in the New Hampshire Air National Guard even though he had to give up a stripe to make the change.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat

Master Sgt. Bruce Larrabee recalls the experience of serving in more than four different decades.

In a reversal of the usual process, it was Sgt. Larrabee's civilian job that led to his current military career. He moved into the utilities career field because of his experience as a civilian in wastewater treatment.

That's fortunate for the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron where it has been a challenge to keep the waste water treatment plant operating.

The Air Force stopped teaching waste water management to the plumbing career field in 1990. Because of that, it is rare to find anyone in the Air Force who knows about wastewater treatment.

There are also many differences between the military today and the military Sergeant Larrabee found in the 1960's. "Women were rare" in Vietnam, said Larrabee. In those days they could only enlist into the Woman's Army Corps which was a distinct element within the U.S. Army.

There are several aspects of the 1960's military that Larrabee misses less than others. One of these was routine assignment to Kitchen Police or KP as it was known duties. However, KP duty wasn't as bad as the feces burning detail.

"You had to earn that one, and I got a week of that job," he reported. "Three times a day you went to the latrine, pulled out the full barrels and replaced them with empty ones, you then mixed the stuff with gasoline or diesel and lit it off. At the end of that week I burned all of my clothes. That stuff stunk."

Fortunately waste treatment has changed since then.

Another big change over the years has been the public view of the military. "We came back (from Vietnam) as losers," said Larrabee. "After Operation Desert Storm we were recognized, people cheered."

Sgt. Larrabee has accumulated more than thirty-eight months in combat deployments during the past five decades.

"This is it, this is my last war," said Larrabee. "I promised my wife this would be my last trip."

Congratulations! 157th Members Recognized

VFW Post 6977, Maine's Airman and NCO of the Year



Photos by Staff Sgt. Aaron Vezeau

The 157th Maintenance Group's Senior Airman Jeffrey C. Hill (Amn) and Tech. Sgt. Michael C. Mooers (NCO) received a plaque and several gifts at our December Commander's Call from Chief Master Sgt. (Ret) Dick Filletaz who represented Post 6977. Senior Airman Hill was cited for his conscientious attitude and strong work ethic and his willingness to take on several shop additional duties. He maintains his assigned aircraft at a level that exceeds standards. He was instrumental in supporting over 100 aircraft sorties in support of operations related to the Hurricane Katrina relief effort and has volunteered for active duty in support of Operation Noble

Eagle and Enduring Freedom for more than a year. Tech. Sgt. Mooers coordinates long and short range plans for maintenance activities related to the Wing flying schedule. Maintenance scheduling effectiveness has hovered around 99.43% recently. He has developed an excellent professional working relationship with Operations Scheduling and internal Maintenance offices based on teamwork, competence and service. Both Mooers and Hill are active volunteers in support of base activities such as recruiting, Cargo Deployment Function, Day of Caring and Family Day events.

Wing & Army PA Troops Earn Distinction

Members of the NH National Guard PA Team were honored on Dec. 4 for their outstanding contributions during our humanitarian mission in Louisiana and for a guard-wide GWOT history project. The State and Deputy Public Affairs Officers, Maj. Greg Heilshorn and Master Sergeant Mike Daigle, presented achievement and commendation medals to the following (L to R): 2nd Lt James Wallace, 157th ARW Public Affairs Officer, Senior Airman Sherri Carver, 157th ARW Visual Information Section, Cadet Benjamin Flanders, 114th MPAD, Sgt. Luke Koladish, 114th MPAD and Spc. Jennifer Gabler, 114th MPAD. Also receiving an award but not pictured was 2nd Lt Suzanne Barricklow, State HQ Family Program Coordinator and Sgt. Patrick Owen, 114th MPAD.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Sam Daigle

nized for Outstanding Contributions

Rice Among Seacoast Group Honored by Red Cross

By **JERRY MILLER**

Union Leader Correspondent
Friday, Nov. 18, 2005
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HAMPTON FALLS — Eight Seacoast residents were honored yesterday for acts of heroism, at the 2005 Heroes Breakfast sponsored by the Great Bay Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The ceremony, held at the Faro Gardens Banquet Facility, marks the third year the Red Cross has presented the awards.

The Unsung Hero award was presented to Beverly Barney for her "countless acts of support, with her self, time and finances, to make a difference to those in need."

The First Responder Award was presented to Officer Andre Wassouf, of the Portsmouth Police Department, who administered the Heimlich maneuver to a choking man in a restaurant. The award for Youth Good Samaritan Hero was presented to 15-year old Debbie Mason, an employee of an area nursing home, who trains others to volunteer at the facility.

The award for Medical Hero was



Photo by Staff Sgt. Aaron Vezeau

Pictured are (L to R): Denise Benson, Former NH First Lady and Red Cross Ambassador-Great Bay Chapter, Bonnie Rice, 157th Air Refueling Wing Family Program Coordinator and Colonel Richard Martell, 157th Air Refueling Wing Commander.

given to Jean McPheters for her "vision and 13-year commitment to overseeing the dream and reality of the Wentworth-Douglass Community Dental Center" in Dover. The program provides dental care for low income, uninsured and underinsured residents living in the area served by Wentworth-Douglass Hospital.

The Community Impact Hero Award was presented to Bonnie Rice, the family support coordinator for the 157th Air Refueling Wing of the New Hampshire Air National Guard, at the Pease International Tradeport. Rice was described as a "selfless individual, readily available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to support Guard members and their families."

The award for Philanthropist Hero was presented to Ellen Labrie for "all the time, dedica-

tion and money given to a multitude of community programs," including the American Red Cross.

The Adult Good Samaritan Award was presented to Sister Maximilian, a member of the Order of the Daughter of Mary, who lives and works with children at the St. Charles Children's Home in Rochester.

The American Patriot Award was presented to retired U.S. Navy Captain William McDonough, a Kittery, Maine, resident, who was cited for his efforts to keep open the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. McDonough was stationed at the yard from 1971 to 1979. During a portion of that time, he served as shipyard commanding officer. Winners were selected by a committee, after being nominated by community members.

What a Year! Celebrating the end of 2005



5 during Commander's Call

Photos by Staff Sgt. Aaron Vezeau and Tech. Sgt. Sam Daigle



Family Program Updates

By Bonnie Rice, Family Program Coordinator

Family Readiness Program

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FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

Our next gathering will be January 11th, 2006 at 6 p.m. at Pease Air National Guard Base. The number of families that are planning to attend will determine the location. All families of deployed members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending these meetings please RSVP to Bonnie Rice (as soon as possible) at (603)-430-3545 so the location and meal can be planned. I encourage all families of the deployed to attend. Our monthly support group gatherings are scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month.



YELLOW PAGES



Once again the winter season is upon us – the family program would like you to remember the families of our deployed military this winter season by providing your area of expertise to our Yellow Page Listing. Your help can ease the added stresses these families are under while their spouse is away on a deployment or an extended TDY. If you are interested in assisting family members with snow removal; computer issues or other household repairs – we would like to hear from you! We are looking

for people who will provide a free or discounted service to our military families in need during a deployment or an extended TDY. If you would like to become a part of our Yellow Pages, please contact Bonnie Rice, Family Program, 302 Newmarket St., Bldg 16, Pease ANGB, NH 03803-0157 –or email to: bonnielee.rice@nhpeas.ang.af.mil to fill out yellow page volunteer form. Please call 430-3545 for more information. Volunteers and families are connected via this yellow page listing through the family program. These services are not limited to the seacoast area - volunteers as well as the families live throughout New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts. This yellow page listing is kept confidential and is not released without the permission of the volunteer.

NH MILITARY FAMILY SKI DAY

Mark your calendars for Sunday, February 26, 2006. We are once again working with Pats Peak in Henniker to have our Annual NH Military Family Ski Day. Last year our Family Ski Day was a huge success, we had several military families come together for a fun filled “family ski day” at Pats Peak. Pats Peak had a portion of their lodge open exclusively to our military families, which made it very convenient for our military families to come inside and enjoy hot chocolate throughout the day. The facility offers a tubing area for the children as well. This is a very family friendly mountain with ski lessons available to youth of all ages. Go to the Pats Peak website (patspeak.com) for classes and information available for your youth that day (though prices may vary due to our group package rate) For questions feel free to call my office. More details will



soon be available. Details and sign up info will be emailed out to our email listing. Please call to have your name added to the email list to receive the info as it is made available. Volunteers to assist with this event are encouraged to call the Family Program.

WINTER CARNIVAL

Our Winter Carnival was a huge success. Thank you to everyone that helped to make the day wonderful for all. Thank you to the Family Program Volunteers that assisted with the food service (Jim Protzmann, Ann Hebert, Val Morgan, Cathy Sullivan, and Pam Martell.) And thank you to all the youth that assisted with the younger children while their parents attended Commander's Call. Your contributions did not go unnoticed.

Photos of Winter Carnival: If anyone has photos taken at the Winter Carnival that can be used to share with folks that were not able to attend the Winter Carnival and to be kept in our continuity book - please forward those to the Family Program Office (Digital Photos would be awesome.)

PIP is alive and well!: Good news for all those interested – “Pip” the white dove that got loose in the hanger during the Magic Show – was captured (Thank you Brian Donovan and Thomas Patterson for the safe capture!) and was returned home to “Oliver Twist” the following day. Father Bob was kind enough to drive “Pip” home – (I understand that he (Pip) traveled in a seat belt on his trip home – safety would be proud.) Thank you Father Bob for the safe delivery!

Guard'n Angels help save lives one step at a time



NHANG Photo

The above photo front left was Master Sgt. Norma Long (MSF), Staff Sgt. Christina Ryan-Miller (MDG) holding her daughter Abigail, Kelly Pollard and Master Sgt. Dan Pollard (MSF), Connie Roy, Estelle Cripps. Front row is 3 month old Jaidyn Roy and Austin Long.

By Master Sgt. Norma Long

The Guard'n Angels team raised over \$1100 for breast cancer. Even though our team was small this year. I was very happy with everyone's effect in raising the funds we did as a team.



It was a windy Sunday three mile walk in Durham. The company was great and we all had a good time along the walk talking and enjoying the foliage. Thank you to the team for participating and everyone who supported us in this walk. Connie Roy collected the most donations with \$260 and Kelly Pollard was second with \$215. It was amazing what everyone had collected at the end.

157th Engineer Marking the Way in Kirkuk



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat

Senior Airman Joey Nachez, a Structural Journeyman with the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineers Squadron, deployed from Pease Air Force Base, N.H., works with stencils to complete the lettering on the signs he will later help install at more than 19 locations around base.



Senior Airman Joey Nachez, and Master Sgt. George Waters, a Structural Craftsman deployed from Kulis ANGB, Ak., both assigned to the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron, complete the installation of a sign.

Finance Fun Facts

By Maj. Bill Davis

Tax season is approaching! Tax documents can be downloaded from MyPay and you can also change your withholding information online.

<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

MyPay security enhancement: Users can now change their login ID to something other than their Social Security number; the ability to change your PIN remains.

<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

Are you missing out on gas money?: AT orders entitle you to one round trip between your Home of Record to Pease and at 48.5 cents per mile, that can add up to some serious dough! When you turn in your orders to Military Pay, also submit a copy marked "Travel" with the round trip mileage indicated on the back for the order.

Public Affairs

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journalists needed

The Public Affairs Office is currently looking for Public Affairs Specialists. If you are interested in print journalism and enjoy writing, editing, photography, desktop publishing and working with the news media, we would like to hear from you. For those who aren't AFSC qualified, the Public Affairs Basic Course is twelve weeks at Fort George Meade, MD. If you are interested please contact 2LT James Wallace in the Public Affairs Office at x3577.



NHANG Photo

Saturday, January 7, 2006

Chicken Noodle Soup
Oven Roasted Chicken Quarters
Steamed White Rice
Chicken Gravy
Broccoli Polonaise
Sliced Carrots
Hot Italian Sausage Sandwich
w/ Peppers & Onions
Grilled Burgers
French Fries

Bread & Salad Bar
Assorted Desserts
Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages

Sunday, January 8, 2006

New England Clam Chowder
Sliced Barbecue Beef
Veal Parmesan
O'Brien Potatoes
Corn on the Cob
Cauliflower

Chicken Fajitas
Fishwich w/ Cheese
Spanish Rice

Bread & Salad Bar
Assorted Desserts
Assorted Hot & Cold Beverages

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Maine at Orono, majoring in pre-med. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, watching movies, and playing intramural sports. Dad and Linda are very proud of her. Way to go, Katie!

Kristina Findsen (OPS) and **Kevin Economos** (MXS) are happy to announce their recent engagement. Kevin popped the big question on Thanksgiving Day. Kris is an Admin Specialist in Operations while Kevin serves as a Crew Chief in Maintenance. Congrats to the newly engaged couple!

Kudos to **Thomas McIntyre**, 7, son of **Joelle** and **George McIntyre** (MXS) who took third place in the junior division in the landscape category for his photo entry in the Rochester Fair. The photo was one that he took on a safari ride at Disney World last summer. Joelle took third place in the humorous category for a photo that she took of Thomas at York Animal Kingdom trying to get food to feed the deer. **THAT'S ALL FOR THIS TIME, FOLKS! SEE YOU IN FEBRUARY!**

The Recruiter Rap

By Senior Airman Darsy Cote
and the recruiting staff

Officer Positions

Position Title:

Communications and Information
Officer (MXG) (Executive Officer)

Duty AFSC: 33S3

Auth Grade: MAJ

Location: ARW

TRADITIONAL SLOT

(part-time)

Unit of Assignment: 157/ MXG

POC- COL William Burns 430-3120

Specialty Qualifications:

Knowledge: (Mandatory for award of AFSC) Fundamentals of network systems architecture; telecommunications; command and control; flight-line systems maintenance; postal operations; visual information management; and techniques of comm and info planning, programming, project management, procurement, contracting, operations, and maintenance for Air Force, Joint, and allied operations. 33S1-Minimum of 18 credit hours of IT related courses is mandatory.

Position Title:

Aircraft Maintenance Officer
(Logistics Officer)

Duty: 21A3

Auth Grade: MAJ

Location: ARW

TRADITIONAL SLOT

(part-time) (Age cut off 35)

Unit of Assignment: 157/MXS

POC- MAJ Todd Swass 430-2423

Specialty Qualifications:

Knowledge: (Mandatory for award of AFSC) Maintenance and personnel management procedures, and organizational and mission requirements; capabilities, limitations, and basic operating principles of aircraft systems and components; theory of flight and airframe construction; quality assurance; supply, transportation, logistics plans, contracting, flying operations, munitions units, civil engineering, and other unit operations related to aircraft maintenance units.

Education: (desirable) for entry into this AFSC, an undergraduate academic degree in management, engineering, industrial management, business management, logistics management, or physical science is desirable.



Application CLOSE:

March 5, 2005

Applications are available in the recruiting office or you can e-mail darsy.cote@nhpeas.ang.af.mil to get one electronically.

Documents needed:

Cover letter

Officer application

Resume

Please submit Packages to:

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Please Welcome our Newest Members!

133 ARW

A1C Bryan McCue 29 Nov

ATC

SRA Todd Southiere 1 Dec

SVF

Ssgt. Kent Bushaw 2 Dec

MXS

SRA Thomas Patterson 11 Oct

AB Anthony Dow 17 Nov

SRA Owen Murray 17 Nov

CES

Tsgt. Shaun Brady 8 Nov

A1C Jessica Barletto 22 Nov

CMF

Ssgt. Christopher Kent 12 Oct



157th Engineer gets down and dirty

U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Ken Sloat

Tech. Sgt. Roland Palanca, a Utilities Services Journeyman, deployed from Pease Air National Guard Base, N.H., removes solid waste from the main intake for the waste water treatment facility here. He is using a shovel to scoop the solid material made up of mostly personal items that shouldn't have been flushed down the toilet, from a large catch screen before the waste water begins an activated sludge treatment process.



Guard Talk

by (Ret.) Senior Master Sgt. Valerie Morgan
HRO Administrative Support Technician

*Guard Talk welcomes your submissions. If you have something interesting or a special event that you'd like to share, please give me a call at tel: (603) 430-2349, fax: 430-3139 or drop a line to 157 ARW/HRO Bldg 16, 302 Newmarket Street, Pease ANGB, NH 03803-0157
E-mail: valerie.morgan@NHPEAS.ANGA.F.MIL*

Warmest wishes are extended to **Leanne Sachetti** and **Michael Kierstead, Jr.** who were married on September 18 at a 2 o'clock ceremony held at the Victoria Inn in Hampton. A reception followed at the Elks Lodge in Newburyport, Mass. Leanne, the daughter of **Sue** and **Tony Sachetti** (RET RMS), is a graduate of the Northshore Community College. She works as a Veterinarian's Technician at the Rowley Animal Hospital in Rowley, Mass. Mike is employed by Sam's Club in Seabrook. **Dayna Williams** served as her sister's matron of honor. **Alexis Williams**, 5, niece of the bride, was the flower girl. The newlyweds are making their home in Salisbury.

Congratulations to **Stacy** and **Shawn Burrus** (XP) on the birth of their baby daughter, **Kate Elizabeth**, who was born on October 29 at 9:19 p.m. Baby Kate weighed in at 6 lb 9 oz and measured 19½ inches long. Stacy works in the marketing

department at Stonewall Kitchen in York. Shawn is a command pilot who serves as Chief of the Wing Plans Section in Operations. This Guard Family makes their home in Hampton.

Please welcome **Derek Schuller Leedberg**, newborn son of **Deanna and Ken Leedberg** (HRO), who was born on October 26 at 4:08 p.m. Baby Derek weighed in at 8 lbs 11 oz and measured 21½ inches long. He has a big brother, **Tyler**, 2, who absolutely loves him. Deanna is employed by Delahay-Beacons at Pease International Tradeport as a business consultant. She is a former Family Program Volunteer with the NHANG. Ken is the Labor Relations Specialist for the Human Resources Office in Concord. He tells us that everyone is healthy and doing great! The Leedberg's reside in Stratham.

Warmest wishes are extended to **Melissa Laverriere** (LRS) and **Michael O'Gara** were married in October at the Three

Chimney's Inn in Durham. Missy's parents, Norman and Terri Laverriere, who live in Arundel, Maine, and Michael's parents, **Doris** and **John O'Gara**, who live in Deerfield, were in attendance. Little **Rhiannon O'Gara**, 3, Michael's daughter, was the flower girl. Missy is a member of the Logistics Readiness Squadron in the Command Support Section. She works at Structures Unlimited, Inc., in Accounts Receivable/Purchasing. She also works on the side as a Veterinary Technician. Mike is employed by Alene Candles, Inc, as the second shift Production Manager. They make their home in Hooksett.

Heartiest congratulations go out to **Catherine Jones**, 19, daughter of **Bill Jones** (FM), Finance Superintendent, and step-daughter of **Linda Jones** (RET FM), Employee Relations Specialist, who was named third runner-up in the Miss Maine Pageant held over the Thanksgiving weekend in Portland, Maine. Katie competed with 18 other beautiful ladies for the title. She previously participated in the Miss Maine Teen USA Pageant where she placed in the top ten, but this was the very first time she competed in the Miss Maine Pageant. Katie is a sophomore at the University of

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